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 SUBJECT: Directory of the International Communist-front Organizations
 and Communist Societies of Friendship and Cultural Relations.

Available as of 1 October 1956.

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 foot note*

I. Purpose

Attached as a set of directories

1. ~~There is attached a directory of the International Communist-front~~
 Organizations, as well as various Communist societies of friendship and
 cultural relations. *This directory is* intended as a ready reference for those
 who may require background information on these organizations.

2. To the extent that ~~the~~ *these* information was available, ~~the~~ *these* directories
 provided data concerning the headquarters address, executive officers, regional
 bureaus and officers, official publications, and claimed or estimated membership
 of the following international Communist-front organizations:

International Association of Democratic Lawyers (IADL)
 International Broadcasting Organization (OIR)
 International Committee for the Promotion of Trade (ICPT)
 International Federation of Resistance Fighters (FIR)
 International Organization of Journalists (IOJ)
 International Union of Students (IUS)
 World Congress of Doctors (WCD)
 World Federation of Democratic Youth (WFDY)
 World Federation of Scientific Workers (WFSW)
 Women's International Democratic Federation (WIDF)
 World Peace Council (WPC)
 World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU)
 World Federation of Teachers' Unions (FISE)

3. Additionally, the directory *also* lists the name, address, official
 publication, and claimed or estimated membership of the various national
 affiliates or parallel organizations of these international Communist-front
 organizations, as well as the various Communist societies of friendship and
 cultural relations.

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Communist-controlled friendship and cultural relations societies attest to their importance at this time in the propaganda programs of the Communist nations.

9. Additionally, the ^{of friendship and cultural relations societies} significance as instruments useful to the intelligence services of the Soviet Union, Communist China, and other Communist countries is ~~progressively~~ confirmed. The Report of the Royal Commission on Espionage, published by the Commonwealth of Australia in August 1955 (clarified for example,) how the Australia-Soviet Friendship Society has been used to further the effort of Soviet espionage in that country. Certain key officers of the Society served as intelligence agents performing any task demanded of them, and the membership as a whole was regarded by a Soviet intelligence service as a source of manpower which could be drawn upon to supply operational information. The advantages which these societies ~~have~~ offered as channels of communication for intelligence services of countries of the Communist bloc have been noted in other areas. ^{believed} It is hoped ~~that~~ the attached compilation of these "societies" will therefore be of assistance in the performance of counter-intelligence work.

10. Your assistance is solicited in ^{its acquisition of} helping us to acquire as much data as possible about the controlling organizations, the Soviet All-Union Society for Cultural Relations Abroad (VOKS) and the satellite counterparts which guide, support and exploit the friendship cultural relations societies. It will be noted that there is particular need for information on the unit of the Czech party-

government structure which controls the societies of friendship, ^{that currently} with Czechoslovakia. ^{They have} ~~There is a specific interest in information regarding~~ 11. ~~It would especially like to be informed of all cases where support~~ ^{in which}

intelligence service of one of the Communist countries. Any information showing that intelligence services of the Communist bloc are using these societies ~~as bases~~ for recruitment of agent personnel is of particular interest.